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In re: Patent Application of  
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For: ELECTRICAL RESISTOR WITH AT LEAST  
TWO CONNECTION CONTACT PADS ON A  
SUBSTRATE WITH AT LEAST ONE RECESS,  
ND PROCESS FOR ITS MANUFACTURE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to the examination and calculation of the filing fee for the above  
divisional application, which is being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above  
application without prejudice as follows:

**In the specification:**

At page 1, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", please insert:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a divisional application of U.S. patent Application No. 09/396,186, filed

*X* September 14, 1999, now abandoned.--

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-22. *✓*

*✓* Please add new claims 26-28 as follows:

-- 26. The process according to claim 23, wherein the metal etching stop layer is  
applied to the substrate in a thickness of about 0.1 to 0.6  $\mu\text{m}$ .